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1. Sredets (N4221 E2711) is located between Burgas district and the Turkish border and has a population of approximately 3,500. The inhabitants of the city are all Bulgarian Christians. The only regular street in Sredets is the Burgas-Fakiya road. The market, which contains all the stores in the city, lines both sides of the road. There are no large buildings in Sredets; the state offices are located in private buildings. The only new construction is a twine factory. A district doctor has an examining room in Sredets, but patients are sent to Burgas for hospitalization.
2. Horse carts are used for transportation in the city; however, the following bus lines from Burgas pass through Sredets on their way to other villages in the district:
  - a. Burgas - Sredets - Fakiya (N4212 E2703);
  - b. Burgas - Sredets - Bogdan (N4214 E2715);
  - c. Burgas - Sredets - Momina Tsurkva (N4209 E2701); and
  - d. Burgas - Sredets - Bistrets (N4218 E2701).

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3. A militia unit of 60 men is housed opposite the municipal building on the Burgas-Sredets road. The civilian police, known as the state security, are located in the post office building on the same road. The local radio is situated in the municipal building.

Border Fortifications

4. The border, located in a forested area, is delineated by a cleared strip two or three kilometers wide. An area five kilometers wide along the border is completely clear of cultivation or grazing animals. Distances between inhabited places in the border area varies from six to ten kilometers. Villagers in the immediate border area were to be transferred farther inland.
5. The military zone extends 30 kilometers from the border. Permits are required to enter and leave the zone and to travel between the villages inside the zone. To travel within the zone, permits are obtained from the militia headquarters in the district center. To enter the district, one must petition the militia in his home district, then have his papers approved in the sub-district visited. No trips are permissible without authorization. Permits are good for one month and can be used for only one trip.
6. The border is visible from the village of Gorska Polyana, 13 kilometers from the border. There are two roads to the border in the Gorska Polyana area:
- a. Yambol - Gorska Polyana; and
  - b. Telets (N4220 E2643) - Stefan Karadzhovo (N4213 E2649) - Ruzhitsa (N4209 E2652) - Vulchi Izvor (N4208 E2653).

Beyond these limits the roads are graded but are not paved.

7. The following fortifications were noted from border station No. 15 near Gorna Yabulkovo (N4207 E2706):
- a. Bunkers with embrasures for four machine guns;
  - b. Barbed wire with occasional breaks stretched in front of the bunkers; strip between Gol Bayer (sic) and Ivanchovo Koriya (sic), a distance of approximately four kilometers; and
  - c. A tank ditch 200 meters long, 10 meters wide, and three meters deep, across the foot path which runs from Ivanchovo Koriya to Strandzha.
8. A border platoon (zavasta) building was rumored to be approximately 1.5 to 2 kilometers behind the border line.

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